

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DIVISION SIX OF THE
NORTH CENTRAL REGION
OF THE NATIONAL MODEL
RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our meetings are back to in-person and our regular schedule! Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021**. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center Senior Center in Livonia, at 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. The meeting is from 7:30-10pm. We will also broadcast the meeting **LIVE** on zoom! The link will be emailed a few days before the meeting. \$1 donation is requested.

NOTE - There was a suggestion to keep two meetings a month. The first meeting would be zoom only and be our Show & Tell. The second meeting would be in-person with clinics and other items. This was discussed and voted down by the membership.

DIVISION OF CHOICE

Do you live in Oakland County, but attend Div 6 meetings? Then you can become an official Div 6 member!! All you need to do is fill out the **DIVISION OF CHOICE** form. See a Div 6 Board member for a form. Once filed, you can now vote and hold office in Div 6!

BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION

The next NCR convention is the 2021 NCR convention in Toledo -

THE BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION! See the HotBox or the Div 1 website for all of the convention

information and registration form.

Registration is mail-in or now online! This event IS planning on being held as an in-person event!! We hope to see you there!!

<http://www.divisiononencr.com/2021>



LAYOUT TOURS

It's up to YOU guys... if you want tours, you need to volunteer and get your friends to volunteer! We **NEED NEW** people & layouts please!

NEXT TOURS- none at this time

ON THE RAILS...

SEPTEMBER 2021

YEAH!!! We're back!! We had our first in-person meeting in near 1.5 years!! It felt SOO GOOD to SEE everyone!! Thanks to those that attended at the Senior Center and those that attended via zoom! Yes, we did both at the same time and it seemed to work pretty good!

The Div 6 **MODEL RR SHOW & WORKSHOP** is a GO!! We are on as an in-person event for Saturday, Nov 20. We'll need YOU, Div 6 members to display your projects and our MI-Track layout will make its debut! WE NEED YOU! PLEASE HELP!

Please keep in contact with your family and your model railroading friends! It does help!! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 28 members and guests at the last Div 6 zoom meeting! We had about 35 at the in-person meeting, plus 5 more on zoom! We have no new members. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Ron King, Jim Zinser and Scott Kremer. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

PRODUCT REVIEW

If you have an item to review, see Bill before the meeting.

DIV 6 MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

As mentioned... the annual Div 6 **MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP** is targeted to happen, IN-Person!, on Saturday, Nov 20, 2021.

Chairman Mark gave us a talk on this years event... we need...

Div 6 members to sign-up for displays and demos to show off!!

We're looking for a food chairman, but, we may scale that back to only snacks and drinks, so that would make this even easier!

Div 6 members to promote this event!! Flyers were at the meeting and every member should take a few to post at work, school, church, your local hang-out = everywhere!! Flyers will get to all of the local hobby shops by mid-September so that will help! Save the date!!

ALSO!! - we are looking for donations for the raffle!! All of us have a new kit or two that we will never use. Please consider donating that to our raffle!! Let's make it a great event!! The sign-up sheet for table displays is included in this newsletter - fill it out and mail it in!! Let's get ON TRACK for our show!!

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

Please keep working on your modules! We're sorry that our test session didn't happen in August. We'll make another effort to schedule one in September! It will be during the week, during the day, hoping this will be a free time at the Senior Center. We hope you can make it, or at least get your module there for test/use. We'll send an email out with the date and time. Thanks!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present, but did not have a tool tip to share. Thanks! We're looking forward to more tips soon.

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **Covered Hoppers!**

Here's what was shared....
Southern & Central Georgia 2 bay;
Michigan Southern H30 for sand;
kitbash Tichy kit for copper concentrate; P&LE-NYC & DT&I PS2 both 0 scale; patched-out & weathered car; GN ACF cement; ATSF; E&B Valley w/custom decals; MKT & Soo Line; Reading LOn for sugar; Dundee Cement; Ann Arbor; BN 2 bay; ACFX in 0 scale; NMRA 1969 conv car; PRR H30 in 0 scale brass; Varney50's; 2 bay hopper w/cover!; B&O wagon top; PS2 LL-P2K; ACFX grain; UP; NYC 2 bay G scale; airslide 2 bay Akron RR

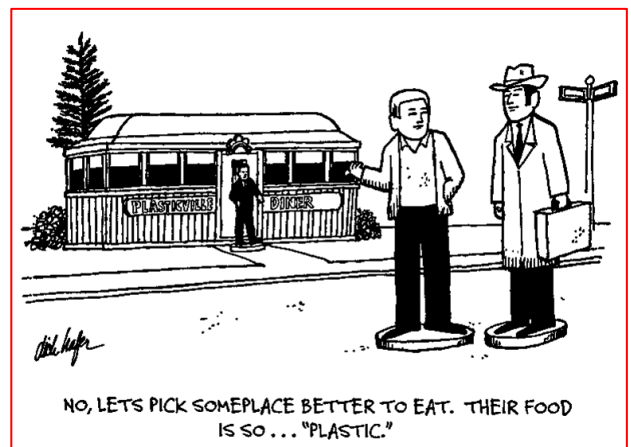
Current Projects shared were... SD9 loco painting/detailing to NKP

We also had a few "funny" entries.... UP open hopper that was "covered" by a towel! And, a picture of a bunny covered with a blanket- covered "hopper"!! Yikes! Everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - model vehicles of any type

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! Please contact Clinic Chairman Byrne Blumenstein to get your clinic scheduled! PLEASE share your talents and knowledge! Our clinics this past month were by Div 6 members Byrne Blumenstein and Barry Hensel.

Byrne had mentioned an idea of doing "Layout Vignettes" where a member would show a few pictures of a scene on their layout and describe how they did that scene. Byrne showed again how easy this is to do and that HE will help you with the presentation! These should take about 15 minutes and we could do a few each meeting.

Barry redid his clinic on Reading RR MoW vehicles that he has modeled for his layout. This was an updated clinic showing two new vehicles - a modified step-van and a crane truck. All of his trucks looked pretty good! He'll also be giving this clinic at the Reading RR Modelers MEET IX in PA in September. Nice work Barry!

ALSO during the zoom meeting on the first Friday of August, Pierre Willermet presented the first Layout Vignette! Pierre showed us the scene of Uncle Ed's backwoods still that also included a bear encounter and with the police at the door looking for Uncle Ed! Neat scene!! Thanks for sharing!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 member Bill Neale on signals! In October - Div 6 member Rick Neibert doing a clinic on JMRI - Decoder Pro. If you have some ideas to share, please let Byrne know about them!

NMRA VIRTUAL EVENTS

Check the NMRA website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.... there have been many NMRA-X events. These are all day clinic sessions that are happening almost every other week on Saturdays. Up to 12 hours of information!!

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Our shirt color is light GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand polo shirt. Prices are-
small-XL w/logo \$19
logo/pocket \$22 logo/name \$25
logo/pocket/name \$25
XXL +\$5, XXXL +\$7 XXXXL +\$9
Mark is taking orders... either see him, email or phone. ALSO - If you want a name badge... see Mark!

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Someone on our zoom meeting mentioned an interesting website to check-out... **HOseeker.net**
At this website you can find catalogs, kit instructions and HO rolling stock.

Division 6 sends out our deepest sympathies to the Redford Model RR Club, who lost member Calvin Shepard in July. Calvin was 96 years old, a WW2 vet and still active in club activities. It is reported that Calvin knew the real Casey Jones' fireman!!

We have LABELS!! If you are going to donate RR magazines, we have some Div 6 stickers that you can place on them to help people find us and our meetings! Please get some of these from Bill!

WE HAVE CARDS!! Bill has a supply of Div 6 business cards so that all members can have some of these to pass them out at shows, while at hobby shops or where-ever! COOL! Let's promote Division 6!

REMEMBER!!... when shopping at Nankin Hobby, tell them before your purchase is rung-up, that you are a Div 6 member! We get a share of your purchase price that we can spend for great raffle items for the Fall Show! Help Div 6 when shopping!! THANKS Nankin Hobby!! We're told this will work for ANY purchase at a Nankin store!!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not present at the in-person meeting and thus, we had no history lesson for August. Looking forward to another history lesson soon!! Thanks John!!

NMRA AP NEWS

Ken Chick, MMR, our Div 6 AP rep, gave Barry his Master Builder - Structures certificate at the meeting! Congratulations again!



NMRA TRI-REGIONAL CONV

The **INDY JUNCTION**

- a tri-regional model railroad convention! It is hoped that this is what future NMRA National conventions may look like. INDY

JUNCTION will take place on **May 18-21, 2022**. The North Central Region (ours), the Mid-West and the Mid-Central Regions are the three regions that are sponsoring this event. Clinics, layout tours and train show are all planned. Registration IS open and is only \$85 until Jan 1st! The hotel is also accepting reservations!

<http://www.indyjunction2022.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/indyjunction2022>



NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was not at the meeting. The best way to contact Russ is by email using: Russatnankin@yahoo.com

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DIV 6 WEBSITE

The website is improved! If you want your layout featured on the website, email ED your pictures and a small write-up!! Check it out at- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

NEW - many of the clinics from our zoom meetings are posted on the website. If you missed a meeting or need to go over clinic information again... it's there!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Sunday, September 12, 2021 -
Flag City Train Show
Findlay, OH - 12505 County Road 99
Mike Schroeder 419-348-1303

Friday-Sunday, September 17-19, 2021 - Reading Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet IX
Reading RR Heritage Museum, Hamburg, PA
<https://readingrrmm.com/> email-
barry76Lt@wowway.com

Sunday, September 19, 2021- New Baltimore Model Train Show/Sale
VFW Lempke-Blackwell Post 7573
35011 23 Mile Rd New Baltimore, MI
10AM- PM admission - \$4 children under 11 are free. food available
contact info - Mike Neuendorf
mikel.j@comcast.net

Saturday, September 18, 2021 -
16th Michigan Railroad History Conference
MRHC announces this a virtual event. This Zoom event will last from 10 am to about Noon.
For more information, email to
mrhc16.2021@gmail.com

Saturday-Sunday, Sept 18-19, Oct. 9-10, Nov 6-7, 13-14, Dec. 11-12, 18-19, 2021 - Blissfield Model RR Club OPEN HOUSE
109 E Adrian St, Blissfield, MI 49228
Sept 18, Oct 9, Nov 6 - 10am-4pm reservations required. Other dates 10am-3pm no reservations.
ADMISSION IS FREE, however, your donations are needed and appreciated. Go to-
<https://bmrr.org/>

Saturday, September 25, 2021 -
Mt Clemens Train Show St. Louis Social Hall 39140 Ormsby St.
Mt. Clemens, MI 48036 10am to 3pm
\$3 per person, \$5 per family, children under 12 free
Food & Refreshments on site, Barrier Free Access, Free Parking, Hourly Door Prizes, Operating Layouts

Contact Information - Carl Hikade
586-463-5184 cdhikade@juno.com

Saturday, September 25 -
20th Fostoria Rail Festival
Fostoria Junior/Senior High School
Fostoria, OH Ellen Gatrell -
419-435-1781

Saturday-Sunday, October 2-3 -
The Great Berea Train Show
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
Middleburg Heights, OH David James - 440-785-9907

Saturday, October, 9, 2021 -
The Greater Grand Rapids Fall Train Show
Grand River Valley RR Club
Home School Bldg Wyoming, MI Ken Skopp 616-667-9680 Don Kiel 616-304-5443

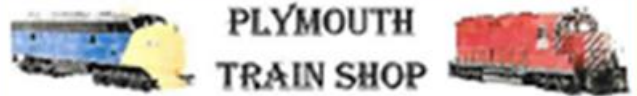


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Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4



*DIVISION 6 and invited guests of the
NORTH CENTRAL REGION of the
NATIONAL MODEL RR ASSOCIATION
PRESENT-*



43rd ANNUAL!

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

**11am- 4pm Saturday
November 20, 2021**

***NEW DAY!!
NEW LOCATION!!***

***LEARN HOW TO DO & ENJOY MODEL RAILROADING!
This is NOT a sale or swap meet!***

SEE DEMONSTRATIONS on power systems, scenery, kit building, structure building, backdrops, wiring, track laying tips, & basic building techniques.



ALSO SEE video presentations, historical displays and operating model railroad layouts! Refreshments available.

ASK QUESTIONS of our talented members and NMRA Master Model Railroaders – we have 7!! Get answers to your modeling questions!

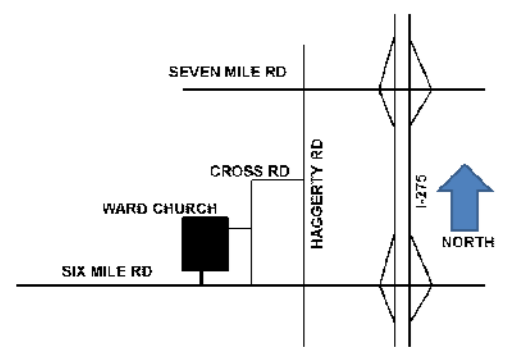
PARTICIPATE IN a raffle for many prizes of model railroad items and an open model railroad model & photo contest

***GREAT FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! STOP BY
FOR A VISIT, ASK QUESTIONS, GET ANSWERS!***

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

is located at **WARD CHURCH**
40000 Six Mile Rd Northville, MI. 48168

ENTRY FARE: \$3 per person
\$5 per family
under 16 is FREE!



Div 6 Annual Model Railroad Show & Workshop Volunteer Form

Please fill in the following and return to **BRUCE WOLFF** or **MARK ELLIS** at the next meeting or mail it to- 31286 Morlock St Livonia, MI 48152 You can also contact Bruce at 248-478-4104 ***brucewolff@yahoo.com*** and Mark at 734-765-2729 or email to- ***emark@sbcglobal.net***

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

EMAIL: _____

Volunteering to.... (circle as many as apply)

Set-up Take-down Admissions Raffle Display

Display: _____

Demonstrate: _____

Take Flyers to: _____

Other: _____

Number of tables needed (Based on a 6 foot table size) _____

Need Electric Yes No

Display working layout

Description: _____ Scale: _____

Minimum Size: ____ft X ____ft

Prefer Size: ____ft X ____ft

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPLAYS.....

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| *structure building | *kit-bashing | *detailing | *decaling/dry transfer |
| *railroad history | *people painting | *tree making | *scenery basics |
| *track laying basics | *benchwork basics | *DCC systems | *wiring basics |
| *rolling stock building | *layout planning | *photography | *computers in model rr'ing |
| *type of rolling stock | *types of locomotives | *different scales | *classic toy trains |

..... and YES, we can have more than one person doing the same demo!!!

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